(b) and (c) As per the 7th All India School Education Survey conducted by NCERT, the relevant figures in respect of different categories of schools as on 30.9.2002 are as under:

Sector	Schools		Enrolment	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Public (Government & Local Body)	8.13 lakh	78.9	13.08 crore	64.9
Private Aided Private	0.81 lakh	7.9	3.72 crore	18.4
Unaided	1.37 lakh	13.2	3.35 crore	16.6

Compulsory and free Education to all Children

†577. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need to provide compulsory and free education to all children upto XII class under school education in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether Government have drafted any proposals under which arrangements have been made to provide free education upto class XII?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002 provides for free and compulsory education of all children in the age group of 6 to 14 years as a Fundamental Right under Article 21-Aof the Constitution, in such manner as the State may, by law, determine. In order to put into effect the right to free and compulsory education in the age group of 6 to 14 years, a Model Right to Education Bill has been drafted.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.